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REGULATIONS

FOR THE

ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY

OF

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

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1830.

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OF THE OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY GENERALLY, AND OF ITS  
MEMBERS.

*Article I.*—The ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND is instituted for the investigation and encouragement of Arts, Sciences, and Literature, in relation to Asia.

*Article II.*—The Society consists of Resident, Non-resident, Honorary, Foreign, and Corresponding Members.

*Article III.*—Members, whose usual place of abode is within the limits of the British Islands, are considered to be *Resident*.

*Article IV.*—Those whose usual abode is not in Great Britain or Ireland, being, however, British subjects, are denominated *Non-resident*.

*Article V.*—Foreigners of eminent rank or situation, or persons who have contributed to the attainment of the objects of the Society in a distinguished manner, are eligible as Honorary Members.

*Article VI.*—No person shall be eligible as a *Foreign Member* who is a

British subject, or whose usual place of residence is in any part of the British dominions in Europe.

*Article VII.*—All the Members of the Society, of whatever denomination, Resident, Non-resident, Honorary, Foreign, or Corresponding, must be elected at the General Meetings of the Society, in the manner hereinafter described.

*Article VIII.*—Non-resident, Honorary, Foreign, and Corresponding Members, when residing in England, have a right of admission to the meetings of the Society ; but are not eligible to its offices.

*Article IX.*—The Literary Society of Bombay is from henceforward to be considered an integral part of the Royal Asiatic Society, under the appellation of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.

*Article X.*—The Bombay Branch Society shall be considered quite independent of the Royal Asiatic Society, as far as regards its local administration and the control of its funds.

*Article XI.*—The Members of the Bombay Branch Society, while residing in Asia, shall be Non-resident Members of the Royal Asiatic Society ; and when in Europe shall be eligible for election as Resident Members, in the same manner as Honorary Members are elected.

*Article XII.*—In like manner, the Members of the Royal Asiatic Society, while residing in Europe, are Non-resident Members of the Bombay Branch Society ; but when within the presidency of Bombay shall be eligible as Resident Members, in the manner prescribed by the Regulations of that Society.

*Article XIII.*—The United Literary Societies of Madras are from henceforward to be considered an integral part of the Royal Asiatic Society, under the appellation of the Madras Literary Society and Auxiliary of the Royal Asiatic Society.

*Article XIV.*—The Madras Literary Society and Auxiliary of the Royal Asiatic Society shall be considered quite independent of the Royal Asiatic

Society, as far as regards its local administration and the control of its funds.

*Article XV.*—The Members of the Madras Literary Society and Auxiliary of the Royal Asiatic Society, while residing in Asia, shall be Non-resident Members of the Royal Asiatic Society; and when in Europe, shall be eligible for election as Resident Members, in the same manner as Honorary Members are elected.

*Article XVI.*—In like manner, the Members of the Royal Asiatic Society, while residing in Europe, are Non-resident Members of the Madras Literary Society and Auxiliary of the Royal Asiatic Society; but when within the presidency of Madras, shall be eligible as Resident Members, in the manner prescribed by the Regulations of that Society.

#### MODE OF ELECTING THE MEMBERS.

*Article XVII.*—Any person desirous of becoming a Member of the ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY, Resident or Non-resident, must be proposed by Three or more Members, on a certificate of recommendation, declaring his name and usual place of abode; specifying also such titles and additions as it may be wished should accompany the name in the list of the Society: and one, at least, of the persons proposing such candidate must have personal acquaintance with him.

*Article XVIII.*—A Foreign Member must be recommended to the Society by five Members, or more.

*Article XIX.*—Every recommendation of a Member proposed for election, whether Resident, Non-resident, Foreign, or Corresponding, shall be read at three successive General Meetings of the Society. After the first reading, the certificate shall remain suspended in the Meeting-room of the Society till the ballot for the election takes place, which will be immediately after the third reading of the certificate; except in the cases of the Members of the Branch Society of Bombay, and the Literary and Auxiliary Society of Madras, who are eligible for immediate ballot.

*Article XX.*—The Council may, upon special grounds, propose to a General Meeting the election of any Foreigner of eminent rank and station, or any person who shall have contributed to the attainment of the objects of the Society in a distinguished manner, either by donation or otherwise, to be elected an *Honorary Member* of the Society; and, upon such proposition, the Society shall proceed to an immediate ballot.

*Article XXI.*—The Council may propose for election as a Corresponding Member, any person not residing in the British dominions in Europe who may be considered likely to communicate valuable information to the Society; but such Corresponding Member shall not be entitled to the privileges of a Subscribing Member.

*Article XXII.*—No person shall be considered as elected, unless he has in his favour the votes of three-fourths of the Members present who vote.

*Article XXIII.*—The election of every candidate shall be entered on the minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting at which he is elected: but should it appear, upon inspecting the ballot, that the person proposed is not elected, no mention thereof shall be inserted in the minutes.

*Article XXIV.*—When a person is elected a Resident or Non-resident Member of the Society, the Secretary shall inform him of his election by letter.

*Article XXV.*—To an Honorary, Foreign, or Corresponding Member, there shall be transmitted, as soon as may be after his election, a Diploma, under the seal of the Society, signed by the President, Director, and Secretary.

#### OF THE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS, AND OF COMMITTEES.

*Article XXVI.*—There shall be a Council of Twenty-five persons, chosen among the Resident Members, and constituted for the management and direction of the affairs of the Society.

*Article XXVII.*—The Officers of the Society shall form a part of the Council, and shall consist of a President, a Director, four Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Librarian. The Council will, therefore, be composed of sixteen Members, besides the Officers.

*Article XXVIII.*—The Council and Officers shall be elected annually by ballot, at the Anniversary Meeting of the Society, on the 7th day of June.

*Article XXIX.*—Eight Members of the Council shall every year be withdrawn, and eight new Members shall be elected in their places, from the body of the Society.

*Article XXX.*—The Council shall meet once in every month, or oftener, during the Session.

*Article XXXI.*—At any meeting of the Council, *Five Members* of it being present shall constitute a *quorum*.

*Article XXXII.*—The Council shall be summoned, under the sanction and authority of the President or Director, or, in their absence, of one of the Vice-Presidents, by a circular letter from the Secretary.

*Article XXXIII.*—Committees, for specific objects within the scope of the Society, may, from time to time, be appointed by the Council, to whom their reports shall be submitted, previously to their being presented at a General Meeting of the Society.

#### COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

*Article XXXIV.*—The Council shall appoint a Committee of Correspondence, to consist of a Chairman, two Deputy-Chairmen, twelve Members, and a Secretary; with power to add to its number, and fill up vacancies occasioned by resignation, removal, or death: four of such twelve Members to go out annually, and be replaced by a similar number from the general body of the Members.

*Article XXXV.*—The special objects of the Committee of Correspondence are, to receive intelligence and inquiries relating to the Arts, Sciences, and Literature of Asia, and to endeavour to obtain for applicants such information on those subjects as they may require.

#### FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICERS.

*Article XXXVI.*—The functions of the PRESIDENT are, to preside at meetings of the Society, and of the Council; to conduct the proceedings, and preserve order; to state and put questions, according to the sense and intention of the Members assembled; to give effect to the Resolutions of the Meeting; and to cause the Regulations of the Society to be put in force.

*Article XXXVII.*—The functions of the DIRECTOR are twofold, *general* and *special*. His general functions are those of a *Presiding Officer*, being next in rank to the President; by virtue of which he will preside at meetings when the President is absent, and discharge his duties. His special functions relate to the department of Oriental Literature, which is placed under his particular care and superintendence.

*Article XXXVIII.*—The duties of the VICE-PRESIDENTS are, to preside at the meetings of the Society and of the Council, when the chair is not filled by the President or Director; and to act for the President, on all occasions, when he is absent, and when his functions are not undertaken by the Director.

*Article XXXIX.*—The TREASURER will receive, on account of, and for the use of the Society, all monies due to it, and make payments out of the funds of the Society, according to directions from the Council. All annual subscriptions shall be paid to the Treasurer, on the first day of January in every year; and in case of omission for one calendar month, he is authorized to demand the same.

*Article XL.*—The Treasurer's accounts shall be audited annually, previously to the Anniversary Meeting of the Society. The Council shall, for

that purpose, name three Auditors, of whom two shall be taken from the Society at large, and the third shall be a member of the Council. The Auditors shall report to the Society, at its Anniversary Meeting, on the state in which they have found the Society's funds.

*Article XLI.*—The functions of the SECRETARY are the following:—

He shall attend the meetings of the Society and of the Council, and record their proceedings. At the General Meetings, he will read the papers that have been communicated; unless any member obtains permission from the Council to read a paper that he has communicated to the Society.

He shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, and of the Council.

He shall superintend the persons employed by the Society, subject, however, to the control and superintendence of the Council.

He shall, under the direction and control of the Council, superintend the expenditure of the Society. He shall be competent, on his own responsibility, to discharge small bills: but any account exceeding the sum of Five Pounds, shall previously be submitted to the Council; and, if approved, be paid by an order of the Council, entered on the minutes.

He shall have the charge, under the direction of the Council, of printing and publishing the Transactions of the Society.

*Article XLII.*—If the Secretary shall, at any time, by illness, or any other cause, be prevented from attending to the duties of his office, the Council shall authorize the Assistant Secretary, or request one of its members to discharge his functions, till he shall himself be able to resume them.

*Article XLIII.*—The Librarian shall have the charge and custody of all books, manuscripts, and other objects of learning or curiosity of which the Society may become possessed, whether by donation, bequest, or purchase; and apartments shall be appropriated, in which those objects may be safely deposited and preserved.



ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS WHICH ARE TO BE MADE TO  
THE SOCIETY BY THE MEMBERS.

*Article XLIV.*—Every Resident Member is required to pay the following sums upon his election, viz. :—

Admission Fee . . . . . Five Guineas.

Annual Subscription . . . . . Three Guineas.

(Unless his election shall take place in December,  
in which case the first Annual Subscription shall  
not be due till the succeeding January; and the  
following compositions are allowed, viz.:)

Upon election, by the payment . . . . . of Thirty Guineas.

After two Annual Payments . . . . . of Twenty Guineas.

After four or more Annual Payments . . . . . of Fifteen Guineas.

*Article XLV.*—Any person who shall henceforth desire to become a Non-resident Member of the Society, shall, on his being elected, pay the sum of *Twenty Guineas*.

If he subsequently become a Resident Member, he shall, from the time that he has fixed his residence in the British Islands, pay the usual contribution of *Three Guineas per annum*; or in lieu thereof, the sum of *Ten Guineas*, as an equivalent for the composition.

*Article XLVI.*—Honorary, Foreign, and Corresponding Members, shall not be liable to any contributions, either as annual payments, or on their admission.

*Article XLVII.*—Every person elected a Resident Member of the Society shall make the payments due from him, within two calendar months after the date of his election; or if elected a Non-Resident Member, within eighteen calendar months after his election; otherwise his election shall be void: unless the Council, in any particular case, shall decide on extending the period within which such payments are to be made.

## OF THE MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

*Article XLVIII.*—The meetings of the Society, to which all the members have admission, and at which the general business of the Society is transacted, are termed General Meetings.

*Article XLIX.*—At these meetings, the chair shall be taken by the President, or, in his absence, either by the Director or one of the Vice-Presidents; or, should these Officers also be absent, by a Member of the Council.

*Article L.*—*Ten Members* being present, the meeting shall be considered as constituted, and capable of entering upon business.

*Article LI.*—The General Meetings of the Society shall be held on the *first and third Saturday* in every month, from December to July, both inclusive; excepting on the first Saturday in June, and the Saturdays preceding Easter and Whit-Sundays and Christmas-day.

*Article LII.*—The business of the General Meetings shall be, the proposing of candidates, the election and admission of Members, the acceptance and acknowledgment of donations, and the reading of papers communicated to the Society on subjects of science, literature, and the arts, in connexion with Asia.

*Article LIII.*—Nothing relative to the regulations, management, or pecuniary affairs of the Society shall be introduced and discussed at General Meetings, unless the meeting shall have been declared *special*, in the manner hereinafter provided.

*Article LIV.*—Every member of the Society has the privilege of introducing, either personally or by a card, one or two visitors at any General Meeting; but no stranger shall be permitted to be present, unless so introduced, and approved by the Meeting.

*Article LV.*—The admission of a new Member may take place at any General Meeting. When he has paid his admission fee, and subscribed the

Obligation-Book, the President, or whoever fills the chair, standing up, shall take him by the hand, and say : “ *In the name and by the authority of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland, I admit you a member thereof.*”

*Article LVI.*—The Obligation-Book is intended to form a record, on the part of the members (by means of the signature of their names in their own hand-writing), of their having entered into the Society, with an engagement (distinctly expressed at the head of the page on which their names are signed), that they will promote the interests and welfare of the Society, and submit to its Regulations and Statutes.

*Article LVII.*—The Council may at any time call a *Special Meeting* of the Society, to consider and determine any matter of interest that may arise ; to pass, abrogate, or amend regulations, and to fill up the vacancy of any office occasioned by death or resignation.

*Article LVIII.*—Such Special Meetings shall also be convened by the Council, on the written requisition of *Five Members* of the Society, setting forth the proposal to be made, or the subject to be discussed.

*Article LIX.*—Notice of Special Meetings shall be given to every member residing within the limits of the Three-penny post ; apprising him of the time of the meeting, and of the business which is to be submitted to its consideration. No other business shall be brought forward besides that which has been so notified.

*Article LX.*—The course of business, at General Meetings, shall be as follows :

1. Any specific and particular business which the Council may have appointed for the consideration of the meeting, and of which notice has been given, according to Article LIX., shall be discussed.
2. The names of strangers proposed to be introduced shall be read from the Chair ; and if approved, they shall be admitted.
3. The minutes of the preceding Meeting shall be read by the Secretary, and signed by the Chairman.

4. Donations presented to the Society shall be announced, or laid before the Meeting.
5. Certificates of recommendation of Candidates shall be read.
6. New Members shall be admitted.
7. Ballots for new Members shall take place.
8. Papers and Communications shall be read.

*Article LXI.*—An Anniversary Meeting of the Society shall be held on the 7th day of June, or, should that day fall on a Sunday, on the preceding Saturday, to elect the Council and Officers for the ensuing year; to receive and consider a Report of the Council on the state of the Society; to receive the Report of the Auditors on the Treasurer's Accounts; to enact or repeal regulations; and to deliberate on such other questions as may be proposed relative to the affairs of the Society.

#### OF THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

*Article LXII.*—Communications and Papers, read to the Society, shall, from time to time, be published, under the title of *Transactions of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland*.

*Article LXIII.*—All Resident and Non-resident Members of the Society are entitled to receive, *gratis*, those parts or volumes of the *Transactions* published subsequently to their election; and to purchase, at an established reduced price, such Volumes or Parts as may have been previously published.

*Article LXIV.*—The Council are authorized to present copies of the *Transactions* to learned Societies and distinguished individuals.

*Article LXV.*—Every original communication presented to the Society becomes its property: but the author, or contributor, may republish it twelve months after its publication by the Society. The Council may publish any original communication presented to the Society, in any way and at any time judged proper; but if printed in the Society's *Transactions*, twenty-five copies of it shall be presented to the author or contri-

butor when the Volume or Part in which it is inserted is published. Such papers as the Council may not see fit to publish may, with its permission, be returned to the author upon the condition that if it be published by him a printed copy of it shall be presented to the Society.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.

*Article LXVI.*—Every person who shall contribute to the Library, or Museum, or to the General Fund of the Society, shall be recorded as a Benefactor; and his gift shall be acknowledged in the next publication of the Society's *Transactions*.

*Article LXVII.*—No books, papers, models, or other property belonging to the Society, shall be lent out of the Society's House, without leave of the Council; but every Member of the Society has a right, between the hours of ten and four, to inspect the books or manuscripts of the Society, and to transcribe extracts therefrom, or take copies.

*Article LXVIII.*—The Museum shall be open for the admission of the Public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, between the hours of eleven and four, either by the personal or written introduction of Members, or by tickets, which may be obtained by Members at the Society's House.